



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

BAR-OR et al.

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For: "MARKER USEFUL FOR
DETECTION AND MEASUREMENT
OF FREE RADICAL DAMAGE
AND METHOD"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-47, which are all of the currently pending claims.

Add the following new claims.

48. A method of monitoring or assessing treatment of a disease or condition with a compound that produces or reduces free radicals comprising:

obtaining a first biological sample containing albumin from a patient suffering from the disease or condition;

treating the patient with the compound;

obtaining one or more additional biological samples of the same type from the same patient at one or more times after the treatment; and

determining if there is a change in the quantity of a modified albumin present in the first sample as compared to the subsequent sample(s), the modified albumin having a reduced ability to bind metal ions at its N-terminus, the quantity of the modified albumin in each sample being indicative of the amount of free radical damage in that sample, and a change in the quantity of the modified albumin in the first sample as compared to the subsequent sample(s) being indicative of

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